

with them in spirit; to share the glory and the wonder, and to support them with prayers that all will go well.

In order that as many as possible can have the opportunity to share as fully as possible in this surpassing occasion, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 21, 1969, to be a National Day of Participation; and I invite the Governors of the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and officials of other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

All executive departments, independent establishments, and other governmental agencies, including their field services, shall be closed on the National Day of Participation, and all of their employees (except employees of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, or other agencies who in the judgment of their agency heads should be at their posts of duty for national security or other public reasons), shall be excused from duty on that day. And I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on that day.

I urge the Governors of the States, the mayors of cities, the heads of school systems, and other public officials to take similar action. I also urge private employers to make appropriate arrangements so that as many of our citizens as possible will be able to share in the significant events of that day. And, finally, I call upon all of our people, on that historic day, to join in prayer for the successful conclusion of Apollo 11's mission and the safe return of its crew.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3920

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, 1969

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In an era when technological advancement has brought to our Nation an almost unbelievable array of conveniences and comforts, we still are plagued by the hazard of man's oldest implement for self-preservation—fire. The potential dangers associated with fire still present a real threat to human life and property.

The present level of our annual fire losses—more than 12,000 lives and over \$2 billion in property—is a measure of our failure to heed fire hazards and to correct them. It is essential that every citizen recognize that such losses can be avoided, but only by personal involvement, determination, and a realization that fires need not occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 5, 1969, as Fire Prevention Week.

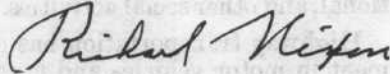
I urge that we, as a Nation and as individual citizens, assume a positive approach to fire prevention through the support of com-

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munity fire departments, State and local governments, the National Fire Protection Association, business and civic groups, and public organizations that are trying to combat the senseless waste of human life and national resources.

I also urge Federal agencies, through the Federal Fire Council, to initiate and carry on effective fire prevention programs not only for the protection of Government employees and property but also for the betterment of all segments of our society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3921

NATIONAL ARCHERY WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

August 12, 1969

A Proclamation

Archery, which in centuries past was a major means of livelihood and warfare, today is one of the fastest growing forms of competitive sport and recreational activity in the United States.

The skills of the bow and arrow are taught in thousands of school physical education programs; archery rapidly is becoming a major intercollegiate sport; and the manufacture of archery equipment is a significant industry.

In 1972 archery will become an official Olympic sport, which is further evidence of its growing popularity and increased stature.

To give recognition to the development of archery as a major sport and to the role of the United States as host to the world archery championships this year, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 85, has requested the President to proclaim the period from August 26, 1969, through September 1, 1969, as National Archery Week.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period from August 26 through September 1, 1969, as National Archery Week.

I invite the Governors of the States and appropriate officials of local governments to issue similar proclamations; and I urge recreational agencies, sportsmen's groups, and interested individuals to join in promoting activities which will preserve and enhance archery as an exciting and enjoyable link with mankind's past.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

